

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
 WORK SESSION, NOVEMBER 7, 2012, 5:30 P.M.
 YOUGHIOGHENY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
 4222 TURNER VALLEY ROAD, NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642

Roll Call:

Andrew Blenko	- Present	Kate Petrosky, Manager	- Present
Timothy J. Hondal	- Absent	Charles J. Gilbert, System Supt.	- Present
Joseph M. Korenic, Jr.	- Present	Mike Branthoover, Finance Director	- Present
William H. Miller	- Present	Chris Sanner, Asst. System Supt.	- Present
Edward P. Shields	- Absent	Donald J. Snyder, Solicitor	- Present
		David A. Coldren, KLH Engineers	- Present

The Work Session of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 5:42 P.M.

Citizen's Input

No citizens were present.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held in order for the Union to present its case to the Board on the Morocco Grievance. Union Attorney Howard Grossinger, Union President Kevin Thornton, and Grievant Thomas Morocco were present.

Manager's Report

MEIT, the Authority's health coverage provider, is switching to a self-insured program effective January, 2013. This is similar to Municipal Risk Management who has our property and general liability package. MEIT believes there will be lower administrative costs on our premiums, and there is the potential for dividends, also similar to MRM. The Authority doesn't have to do anything if we are willing to be part of the self-insured program. Our policy and our benefits do not change. If we want to opt out, we have to notify them by November 20th. MEIT believes the annual premium increases will be higher if we are not in the self-insurance program. A letter has been prepared to notify the Union.

Chuck and Mike met an insurance provider at WEFTEC that provides lateral insurance in various areas throughout the country. The firm is willing to come in and speak with the Authority. HDH is also looking into a similar program.

Mrs. Petrosky and Mr. Coldren attended a meeting at WWMA concerning the Consent Order and tap restriction. They are still on track to have their alternatives analysis done by the end

of the year, and plan to hold a meeting for elected and appointed officials in the very near future to discuss the scope of work and costs.

The public meeting with the County Hills residents for Main Line Phase III is next Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Haigis has been invited as well. Only eight easements are needed.

The contractor for the lateral repair project is supposed to start any day now. He is in the process of locating the laterals and then will go right into construction.

There have been two or three informal approaches to the Authority from other authorities for assistance. The Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation called on behalf of the Sutersville Authority. They are looking for treatment alternatives for Sutersville because they anticipate a massive rate increase. Their flow is currently being treated at McKeesport. They are investigating the possibility of constructing their own treatment facility or possibly pumping it up to the new Sewickley Township system. They are also looking at sending it by gravity down the railroad tracks to NHTMA. Chuck said our lift station couldn't handle it and the capacity of the station would have to be increased.

The Authority was also approached by the Sewickley Township Authority to see if our Authority would be willing to do emergency work for them such as emergency call outs, blockages and minor line repairs. They are a new startup authority and don't have the equipment or the manpower. Hiring an emergency contractor was suggested. The Board is going to think about it and discuss it again next month.

Solicitor's Report

There was a meeting last week on the Marko pool. They are going to submit some engineering data to support their proposal. That is an ongoing matter that will be discussed further.

Engineer's Report

The bid opening was held on the Sodium Hypochlorite Disinfection System. The bids came in higher than anticipated. The final cost estimate was about \$170,000 and the low bidder, NextGen was at \$212,000. There was an oddity on the bid form, an extra line that confused the contractors. There was a \$10,000 contract allowance that was supposed to be included in the lump sum face bid for SCADA programming. Some of the contractors put a bid amount and then added \$10,000. Some put the same number on both lines. NextGen is the only contractor that wrote a bid and then on the second line wrote \$10,000. That would make their total bid \$222,000 and they would still be the low bidder. Because of the confusion it needs to be rebid. NextGen has now said they can get it down to \$216,000. They were back to their suppliers and were able to get it down by \$6,000. Dave is going to look closer at the individual line items to see why all the bids were so much more than the cost estimate. The Board discussed what could be done to bring the costs down.

Country Hills, Phase 2 is progressing and they are probably about 50% done. Advanced has been out there for two and a half months and have about two and a half months to go in their contract.

Contract 2011-4 has a substantial change order. The contract is complete minus a few punch list items. The change order is in the amount of \$84,066.80. \$74,000 of that is to adjust the final quantities which are done at the end of every contract. There are 20 line items ranging from pipe to manhole sections, inflow protectors, backfill, driveway restoration, etc. Most of that was \$47,000 for 6-inch service lateral from the main to the property line. There were some instances where the existing lateral was under the driveway so they extended the lateral a couple feet to get beyond the driveway. There was 1,600 feet in the bid and 2,300 feet was installed. That works out to be 35 feet per lateral versus 30 feet. Road restoration was \$29,000 extra because the road collapsed in some places. Advanced reduced the amount of binder in the trench and in exchange for that overlaid the entire road. There was extra \$2,734 for Advanced to extend their bond from 18 months to 24 months. There was an extra \$7,000 for the scratch coat requested by the Township. A letter was sent to the Township asking if they would pay a portion of the extra cost for the scratch coat.

There was more discussion about Wayne Drive. The Authority would have preferred to wait a year for the road to settle but did what the Township requested.

System Superintendent's Report

The repairs at Atwood Estates were going to be started sooner but the wet weather has caused delays. The plan is to wait until the ground freezes to go in and repair the line.

The force main from Woodside Drive broke under the Route 30. John Brentzel completed the repairs under our emergency contract with his firm. There have been a series of breaks in our force mains over the years, but not every force main breaks because of deterioration. This line was in good shape and may have been damaged during the original construction. There was a hole on the bottom of the line. Chuck televised the casing to make sure it was OK before they installed the new force main.

There wasn't a lot of trouble due to Hurricane Sandy. The flow went up at the Plant and the pump stations. We bypassed at Woodside and that was reported to the DEP.

The security issue at the Plant was discussed. The card system was approved but that doesn't include the monitors so they can see who is at the door. Because there's not enough in the budget for both, they may wait until the next budget year. The Board suggested revisiting this issue in December when the full Board should be present.

Assistant System Superintendent's Report

Mr. Sanner has been working on the permit renewal for the lab accreditation and the visit for the onsite assessment. An extra parameter had to be added to our lab accreditation because we

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needed to have influent BOD measured for the Chapter 94 report. We had been using the influent information but we were never accredited.

Adjournment

The Work Session adjourned at 7:32 PM.

William H Miller
William H. Miller, Secretary